

May 26, 2005

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 05-7

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find a redacted copy of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to: (i) the Second Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy; and (ii) the Second Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General. These responses are also being submitted electronically. Please note that the response to Information Request AG 27 includes a disk that is only provided to the Hearing Officer and the other parties.

The Company respectfully requests that, for all the reasons stated in the Motion for Protected Treatment dated May 6, 2005 (the "Motion"), the responses to Information Requests DTE 2-5, DTE 2-7(a), DTE 2-22(a) and DTE 2-25 and AG 2-7, AG 2-9 and AG 2-10 be accorded confidential treatment in that they disclose completely sensitive pricing or transaction matters. Complete copies of the Company's responses are provided to the Hearing Officer, the Gas Division and, pursuant to a previously executed confidentiality agreement, the Attorney General.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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